

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** individuals and organized forms of recreation and the creative use of free time are vital to the happy lives of all our citizens: and education, athletic and recreation programs throughout the State of Louisiana encompass a multitude of activities that can result in personal accomplishment, self-satisfaction and family unity for all citizens, regardless of their background, ability level or age; and

**WHEREAS,** citizens of Louisiana should recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana is extremely proud of the swimming facilities, aquatic programs and other related activities of their state and their contribution to providing to all ages a healthy place to recreate, a place to learn and grow, to swim, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I Kathleen Babineaux Blanco as Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby declare the week of July 16-22, 2006 as

### NATIONAL AQUATIC WEEK

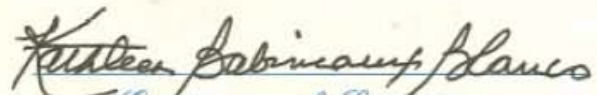
And do urge all those in the State of Louisiana to support and promote this observance.



Attest By  
The Governor

  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 14th day of July  
A.D., 2006*

  
Governor of Louisiana